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**Ferguson**

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on the boards and pick it up on defense," Ferguson said.

Hickey said the team will have to stop TCU forwards Donna Kruger and Janelle Hunter and control the boards. She said they will play a zone and man defense and use full-court pressure.

McClelland said the team will use basically the same defense they have been playing.

"We're just going to add a new half-court defense but basically everything else is the same," McClelland said.

Ferguson said the team was disappointed in the losses to the University of Texas and the University of Houston, but the team is back on track.

"It brought us back to reality," Ferguson said. "We can't let up against any team in the conference. I think we have a great chance to be conference champions if we play like we're capable of playing."

Hickey also said the team is ready to take care of business.

"We are disappointed that we didn't play better in both of those games," Hickey said. "We have a tough road ahead but I think our kids will rise to the occasion. We'll be ready to play."

The Lady Aggies are 8-2 in Southwest Conference play and 17-5 for the season. The Lady Aggies are half-a-game behind Texas Tech (9-2) in the SWC standings.

TCU is 5-16 for the season and 1-10 in the Conference.

In their last meetin, A&M defeated TCU 81-70 on Jan. 26 in Fort Worth.



Reginald Tennyson (left) and Timothy Bryant (right), both from Dallas, breeze through one of 10 150-meter sprints during practice Tuesday. Bryant and Tennyson are members of the A&M track team and participate in the triple jump and long jump events.

**SWC**

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endanger the SWC's long association with the Cotton Bowl.

"For all of these years, the Cotton Bowl has existed solely to make money for the Southwest Conference," said John Scovell, past president of the Cotton Bowl. "And we have always represented this entire conference — not just the 'haves' as opposed to the 'have-nots.'"

"Obviously, some schools have had attendance problems, but I think it would have been far better to come to some arrangement giving them a chance to bring it up to the required level, rather than summarily cutting off four schools and saying, 'You don't belong anymore.'"

Big Eight Commissioner Carl James called the reported offers rumors.

"The Big Eight will not publicly address the most recent speculation on the issue of expansion," James said. "We are conducting on-going, daily discussions with our athletic directors in regards to football television matters. We will continue to move forward in negotiating an arrangement that is best for our institutions."

The plan would eliminate schools in the SWC's two largest markets — Southern Methodist in Dallas and Rice and the University of Houston in Houston — from the new league. The schools' game attendance has suffered in competition with the cities' pro franchises, and schools such as Texas and Texas A&M

have been larger television draws in those markets as well.

University of Houston President James Pickering said the Cougars didn't want to be left out.

"I was shocked...the University of Houston has made it clear that it wants to be a major player in any alliance," Pickering said. "To the extent we were not considered, I'm very disappointed."

Houston has started construction of a \$25 million athletic complex. Rice has had back-to-back winning seasons for the first time since 1960-1961.

"We need to get our numbers up," Houston athletic director Bill Carr said. "I came here knowing a conference realignment was coming and that there would be a reduction of the number of Division I-A schools. How it will happen, I don't know."

SMU vowed that athletics would continue regardless of the possible realignment. That school's football program has been the weakest in the league since it was given the death penalty for booster payments to athletes in 1987. It was banned from fielding a team for two years.

"SMU will consider all options as they materialize," the school said in a statement. "It will continue to do its best to maintain a viable Division I-A athletics program without diverting resources needed for academic programs."

Texas Tech coach Spike Dykes said he regretted the likely end of the SWC as it's been known for so many years.

"If someone's left out (of the SWC), I don't know that it's earth-shattering. I'm sure it's bad," Dykes said.

**Cotton Bowl**

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build up," Crawford said.

"It's one that we will never forget and don't plan on forgetting. I think what our plan is, is to continue to add to that tradition and continue to be a major part of college football in the future."

There is one possibility that could still keep Texas, Texas

A&M, Texas Tech and Baylor playing in the fabled Cotton Bowl stadium if they join the Big Eight.

That scenario involves the Big Eight splitting into two divisions with the winner of each side playing in Dallas to decide the conference champion.

"It's logical to consider that playoff system (in an expanded Big Eight) might exist," Crawford said. "That would be one alternative that would be looking at."

**Shaq**

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His free throw shooting (.532 as of last Sunday) is atrocious and inexcusable. This season alone, Shaq has missed 233 of 498 free throws. If he could make 70 percent of his attempts (about average for an accomplished center), his scoring average would jump from 29.1 to 30.7 points per game, and the Magic's won-loss record would show the difference.

The ego problem is not all Shaq's fault. He has been hyped since his freshman year at Louisiana State as the next Wilt Chamberlain, the next Bill Russell and the next Hakeem Olajuwon (sorry, Spurs' fans).

Truth be told, if lots of people told me day after day that I was a lock for all-time greatness, I'd start to believe it myself.

Shaq's status as a pop icon has ballooned with his current

movie, "Blue Chips," a former No. 1 rap album "Shaq Diesel" and his mug on the cover of the current issue of GQ.

I have heard entertainment critics proclaim Shaq as an all-around talent, capable of fruitful careers as an actor or a rapper.

Now, let me see, in "Blue Chips," Shaq plays, of all things, a basketball player! Wow, what a stretch! O'Neal's major acting debut (following a bit part in CB4) is lame; with short, well-laid-out lines to guarantee the laughs.

His performance is, however, much better than Whitney Houston's portrayal of... Her pop musician!... in "The Bodyguard."

And finally, by looking at the picture, you'd probably guess by yourself that I'm not expert on what constitutes a really good rap song. But when O'Neal tells me he's got "skills," I think I can safely assume that being musically inclined is not one of them.

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